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ATTY. DOCKET NO.: 112139.00117

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Ralph VENUTO, SR.

Group Art Unit: 3761

Serial No.: 10/721,171

Examiner: n/a (Todd Manahan  
examined prior application)

Filed: November 23, 2003

For: SPRAY BOOTH

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102**

MAIL STOP PETITION  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.102(c), attached is a Declaration of the inventor, Ralph Venuto, Sr., signed March 30, 2004. As stated in the Declaration, approximately 47 months ago, Mr. Venuto was diagnosed with inoperable cancer of the prostate and lymphoid, which are aggressive forms of cancer. At that time, his doctor estimated that he had no more than about 24 months to live. Mr. Venuto's physician has advised him to conserve his strength, and not to work past about 2pm. Mr. Venuto is generally fatigued in the early afternoon.

Though Mr. Venuto has outlived his physician's expectations, he might not be available or able to assist in the prosecution of the application if it were to run its normal course. MPEP §708.02 III (page 700-107). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the captioned application be made special and examined out of turn.

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Pursuant to 35 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c), no fee is due with this Petition. However, please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (112139.00117). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re the Application of:

Ralph VENUTO, SR.

Prior Group Art Unit: 3762

Serial No.: 10/721,171

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Filed: November 23, 2003

For: SPRAY BOOTH

**DECLARATION OF INVENTOR RALPH VENUTO, SR.**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

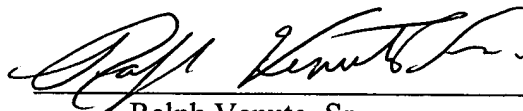
I, Ralph Venuto, Sr., hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the inventor of the above-identified application.
2. Approximately 47 months ago, I was diagnosed with inoperable cancer of the prostate and lymphoid, which are aggressive forms of cancer. At that time, my doctor estimated that I had no more than about 24 months to live. My physician has advised me to conserve my strength, and not to work past about 2pm. I find that I am generally fatigued in the early afternoon.

All statements made herein of my knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code; and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

3-30-04

Date



Ralph Venuto, Sr.